

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

[0360] In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a method of forming at least one layer over an optical element includes providing the optical fiber which has a central axis; rotating the optical element about the central axis; and forming the layer with a substantially uniform thickness during the rotation.

[0365] According to another exemplary embodiment of the present invention, an optical element has at least one layer of a substantially uniform radial thickness.

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